The dampness in the area is due to excess greenery/trees and lack of adequate sunshine. Also due to inadequate service drains, during the rainy season water stagnates in the area resulting in Dampness. Rat holes and small peepal trees have also come up at some places and cracks in the outer walls has also been noticed in three houses out of about 2000 houses.

(b) and (c) The site has been personally visited both by the concerned Executive Engineer and the Assistant Engineer of the CPWD and action has been initiated to solve the problem of inadequate drainage. The works will be taken up for execution after the estimates are sanctioned by the competent authority and subject to availability of funds.

Replacement of Jaffries in Government Quarters

3801. SHRI YALLA SESI BHUSHANA RAO: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that wooden jaffries, doors and windows of Government quarters in Laxmi Bai Nagar have been eaten away by white ants and has thereby created unhygienic conditions in these quarters;

(c) whether the replacement of these jaffries is being done through poor quality iron doors and iron gauge with poor paint thereupon;

(c) if so, in what manner Govern ment propose to undertake and com plete the work of replacement/paint ing of jaffries expeditiously; and

(d) whether Government propose to cover the open place with bricks by providing windows in place of wooden/iron jaffries; and if not, what are the difficulties being faced in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH):

(a) Yes, some of the doors, windows and wooden jaffries have been affected by white ants.

(b) No. The replacement is being done with good quality angle iron frame and expanded metal.

(c) The affected jaffries, doors and windows are being replaced whenever found necessary, in different years.

(d) No. Jaffries and expanded metal afford better ventilation in the quarters.

Replacement of Overhead Tanks of Government Quarters

3802. SHRI M. A. BABY: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that overhead tanks in most of the Government quarters in Laxmi Bai Nagar are obsolete and require early replacement;

(b) whether cement over-head tanks are being installed in all the quarters; and

(c) if so, in how many quarters cement over-head tanks have been installed so far and by when such tanks are likely to be provided in the remaining quarters?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) No. The overhead tanks provided in most of the Government quarters in Laxmi Bai Nagar are in fairly good condition.

(b) No. However the unserviceable tanks are being replaced by R. C. C. and other type of tanks.

(c) So far, 340 R. C. C. overhead tanks have been provided in replacement of unserviceable tanks. The remaining tanks will be replaced as
and when required.